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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE INCLUDING INTERCONNECTS FORMED BY  
DAMASCENE PROCESS AND MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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